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1. I MET PRIVATELY WITH KUWAIT AMBASSADOR JAFFAR DURING HIS RECENT HOLIDAY VISIT TO KUWAIT AND DISCUSSED WITH HIM HIS ASSIGNMENT FOR RECRUITING US PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION SPECIALISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN A STUDY AIMED AT POSSIBLE REORGANIZATION OF GOK ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES. AM. JAFFER INFORMED ME OF THE VERY USEFUL MEETINGS HE HAD HELD WITH DIR. OF AID COUNTRY FINANCED SERVICES THOMAS MOSER AND HIS ASSISTANT. JAFFER REPORTED THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH THE CROWN PRINCE AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AL-BAHAR AND THAT WOULD BE FOLLOWING UP THESE DISCUSSIONS WITH FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH MOSER.

2. I HAD THE OCCASION TO CALL ON KUWAITI MINISTER OF STATE FOR LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS, SHAIKH SALMAN AL-KUEIJ AL-SABAH, JAN. 10, AND DURING OUR CONVERSATION HE RAISED THE SUBJECT OF REORGANIZATION OF GOK ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES. HE APPARENTLY HAD NOT BEEN FULLY INFORMED OF
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THE DISCUSSIONS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN THIS EMBASSY AND AL-BAHAR AND MINFONAFF UNDERSECRETARY RASHID AL-RASHID. I THEREFORE TOLD HIM THAT AMB. JAFFER HAD BEEN TASKED WITH RECRUITING SUCH PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION SPECIALISTS. THE MINISTER WAS CONCERNED WITH THE PACE OF JAFFER'S PROGRESS IN PURSUING THIS TASK AND INDICATED THAT HE MIGHT ASK FOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IF JAFFAR WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO

DEAL WITH THIS MATTER AS QUICKLY AS HE FELT THE SITUATION REQUIRED.
I SAID WE WOULD BE MOST WILLING TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY, BUT
SUGGESTED THAT HE FIRST CONSULT WITH AL-BAHAR AND AL-RASHID
SO THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DANGER OF CROSSING LINES IN THIS
EFFORT. I ALSO TOLD HIM THAT I WOULD COMMUNICATE WITH MOSER
AND REQUEST A MORE RECENT STATUS REPORT FOLLOWING JAFFAR'S
RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE VERY MUCH RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION
CONCERNING FURTHER PROGRESS IN AID'S EFFORT TO ASSIST THE
GOK IN THIS MATTER. IT APPEARS THAT SHAIKH SALMAN IS NOT
FULLY CLUED IN TO RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER AND
I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD AVOID ANY CONFUSION WITHIN THE
GOK WITH RESPECT TO THE MANNER IN WHICH THE USG RENDERS
ASSISTANCE TO THIS PROJECT. I NOTED WITH INTEREST SHAIKH
SALMAN'S REMARK THAT HE CONSIDERED THIS A MOST URGENT
PROJECT IN WHICH THE GOK NEEDED TO MOVE FORWARD
RAPIDLY.
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